

A Piano Given Away FREE

The lady receiving the largest number of votes between June 1, 1903 and December 31, 1903, The DEMOCRAT will make a present of a fine \$350 STORY & CLARK PIANO; and to the lady receiving the second highest number of votes during the same time will be presented an elegant \$30 Ladies' Gold Watch. Three other prizes of value will be given to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th highest.

The contest will close at 12, noon on December 31st, and the result will be announced in the issue of the DEMOCRAT, January 1, 1904. A committee of three disinterested parties will count the votes on Wednesday evening of each week and the result will be announced from week to week by such committee until December 24th. For the final count the DEMOCRAT proprietors will select one party, the contestants one party, and these two a third party, which committee will make the final count on December 31st, 1903, and announce the result.

RULES.

- 1—Any lady who is a resident of Barton County may be voted for.
- 2—Every dollar paid on subscription to the BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT will entitle the person paying to cast 100 votes. This will include subscriptions due, renewals and new subscriptions: Provided that no subscription is to be paid in advance for a longer term than two years.
- 3—No person in any way connected with the mechanical department of this office or in any way related to either of the publishers shall be eligible to enter the contest.
- 4—No votes will be permitted to be put in the ballot box until the cash is paid on the subscription.
- 5—Numbered subscription receipts, ballots and stubs will be furnished contestants, with which to solicit votes and will also be kept in this office. Persons who send in their subscription money by mail should cut out and fill in the following blank and send it with their money.

DEMOCRAT PIANO CONTEST.

I Cast _____ Votes For _____

Name of Subscriber _____

P. O. of Subscriber _____

This is a fair legitimate distribution of valuable prizes, at the disposal of the people of Barton County. The piano, one of the well known makes, (not a cheap, unreliable instrument, made for sale and not for use) can be seen at the music department of the Hooper Drug Co., Great Bend, the local agents for these well known instruments. The watch is on exhibition at the Jewelry Store of W. D. Gould. The other three prizes will be announced later.

Contestants will please call at this office and get blanks and instructions. The first count of votes will be announced in the Democrat of June 12th.

Allen's Condition Powder

will be needed,

Conditions now point to plenty of hard work for the Horses this season, with a big harvest to gather in and heavy straw to handle. It will pay any farmer to do his best to keep his Horses. A regular course of

Allen's Condition Powder

began now and continued through harvest will carry them along in good shape.

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Locals—By the month, 20¢ a line.

IN THE CONTEST.

Following is the result of the first count (Wednesday, June 10) of votes cast in the DEMOCRAT Piano Contest. The count will be made on Wednesday of each week:

CONTESTANT	LOCATION	VOICES
Katie Keenan,	Liberty	200
Hazel Duncan,	Great Bend	225
Joela Christianson,	Ellinwood	200
Corra Wilsons,	Galatia	115
Hettie Koesch,	Lakin	100
Lula Groeschard,	Cladlin	100
Lizzie Wildgen,	Hosington	100
Florence Zuber,	Great Bend	100
Lizzie Tonkin,	South Bend	100
Susie Hain,	Omita	100
Julia Kehl,	Lakin	100
Fannie Bahr,	Albert	100
Hattie Lowther,	Great Bend	40

Committee: JOHN DAWSON
W. J. SAMS.

The City Printing.

The Daily Item of June 5th contained the following with reference to the City Printing:

In the first place the man who prepared the minutes of the May meeting of the city council is the junior editor of the DEMOCRAT and in his minutes he juggled the motion made to hold the letting of the city printing over until the June meeting in such a way as to entirely change the meaning of the motion. Nearly everyone present at the May meeting heard the motion and everyone we have heard speak of it, including the councilman who made the motion and the one who seconded it, understood it differently from what Clerk Feder placed it on the minute book. The fact that the council at its June meeting changed the wording of the minutes of the May meeting is sufficient proof that the motion as passed was incorrectly recorded.

The Item of June 6th contained this:

Judge Feder objects to our statement in regard to his incorrectly recording the minutes of the May meeting. He says he recorded the motion in question as stated by the mayor, but the motion as made and seconded might have been improperly stated by the mayor.

Comment is unnecessary. Suffice to say, had the charges in the Item of the 5th, been true, the Item of the 6th would not have contained the paragraph quoted. The remainder of his article, is of a similar nature, and not deserving of the dignity of a reply. The record of ex-clerk Feder as a clerk is approved in the strongest language by those who objected to his re-appointment.

The Colored Question.

We have no quarrel with the negro; under our constitution he is entitled to the same rights and privilege as a white man. If he applies for a position as mail carrier in a locality where the blacks and whites are equally divided, and wins out in an examination over his white competitors, all well and good, give it to him and let him keep it as long as he does satisfactory work. However, one of our esteemed contemporaries seems to have discovered in the case of the Tennessee mail carrier, an excuse for insinuating that the white man of that state is incompetent, and inferior to the colored man. The imputation is an insult to every southern man, and we are surprised that our friend should thus forget himself. Nine out of ten southern whites can give this same man pointers on how to run a post office.

To CORRECT a wrong impression—or a batch of them in fact—that seems abroad in the land, we are requested to state: First, that Great Bend is not jointless. All the saloons, which were paying a monthly fine into the city treasury, via the Police Court route, quit business when the new administration was sworn in. But after about a month most of them opened up again, but are running free of any interference on the part of the officers—and likewise free of any occasion for putting up monthly fines. We have the joints, under no contrivance whatever, but of course taking their chances of being pulled at any time that evidence is secured to convict them. "Soft drinks" is what they sell, but the old toppers do not seem to care whether the drinks are called soft or hard, scrambled or turned over, they sprout the blossoms

and turn loose the jags just the same. We don't notice much difference between the old and the new arrangement; only that instead of \$200 to \$300 a month being turned in for street improvements, the Police Court fines have dropped the cyphers.

District Court.

At the time of going to press last week the arguments were being made in the D. O. Gray case. After submitting it to the jury a verdict of not guilty was reached in about fifteen minutes.

Fischer, who plead guilty of assault and battery with intent to kill, made on Geo. Goit, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

The Schroeder case was continued to next term.

The ditch cases have all been continued.

The case of C. F. Diefenbacher as administrator of the estate of Lucy E. Brands vs. Fred Drundas, has been continued.

Mary Johnson vs. Eliza Ashton, and Albert Peter vs. Miles Strickland, suits to quiet title, judgment rendered for plaintiff.

The divorce cases of J. J. Bleitz vs. Kate Bleitz, and Caroline Dick vs. Nicholas Dick were dismissed.

The case of Munger vs. Wadel involving the title to an island in the Arkansas river, occupied the attention of the court for several days, and the jury after having been out since 7 o'clock Wednesday had not reached a verdict at the time of going to press (Thursday p. m.)

The motion for a new trial in the Btdenthal case, where a conviction of petty larceny was had at the last term of court, was denied, and the defendants were sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 each, and their proportion of the costs.

The case against Pettyjohn, also one against Granville Ervin, was dismissed on the payment of the costs.

The case of Gorin Savings Bank vs. Brinkman and Ewalt, judgment for plaintiff for \$534.45.

The divorce case of Deyerick vs. Deyerick was continued, and the defendant given thirty days to answer.

The case of Stauble vs. Ames, was quickly settled, the offer of defendant to confess judgment in the sum of \$675, was accepted—the question of costs to be presented later.

In the case of Barnes vs. Claflin State Bank, a motion to dismiss the appeal was argued and sustained.

In the suit in partition of Hester vs. Treftz, the heirs elected, and were permitted to take the real estate at the appraised value.

The case of the Liberty Linseed Oil Co. vs. Frizzill Hardware Co., was continued.

Mrs. Will Honnen visited at Larned this week.

Mrs. E. L. Wood and son are visiting relatives in Hutchinson.

Mrs. R. A. Ewalt, who has been quite ill for some time, is some better.

John Heinz and wife were transacting business in the city Thursday.

Attorney Torrence was up from Ellinwood Thursday, attending court.

Mrs. G. O. Davis left Wednesday evening for her home in California.

Blanks—Blanks—Blanks. This office can furnish legal blanks of all descriptions.

The fellow who is constantly kicking about small things is the one you want to watch in large dealings.

Bob Gwinn is taking a well earned and much needed vacation, and in company with his wife and daughter is away on an eastern trip.

Do you want any hands for harvest? If so let us know how many you want immediately so that we can send in to the Labor Bureau for them?
E. R. MOSES MERC. CO.

Milton Flescher, who has several years been connected with various mercantile institutions in the city, leaves July 1st for Lamar, Mo., where he will go into the grocery business with his father. Mrs. Flescher left the first of the week for Butler, Mo., on a visit.

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Below you will find only a few of the many we have to offer:

5c for 3½c. 300 yards of good toweling, honey-comb pattern, in white and gray, just the thing for harvest for only 3½c per yard

20c for 10c. 3 dozen childrens' sun bonnets, made of good fast colors material, well made, and cheaper than you can buy the material, for only 10c each

25c for 19c. 3 dozen ladies summer vests, silk trimmed, of the very finest quality, a very slightly garment, and one well worth 25c for only 19c each

35c for 25c. 2 dozen ladies silk mervized vests, in pink, light blue and white, look just like silk, but wear better, fast colors, worth 35c for only 25c each

15c for 12½c. 5 dozen extra large turkish towels, the kind that usually sells for 20c this week all you want for 12½c

6½c for 5c. A large line of beautiful summer lawns in fast colors, and neat patterns. It will pay you to see this line
Only 5c per yard

By express this week a new line of the very popular Cluny Laces in cream and white.

In The Big Clothing Department.

65c for 50c. We are able to sell the best overalls ever sold in the county for 50c. Compare ours with others offered at the same price and it will prove our assertion. Buying them early and in large quantities is the reason. We also handle a full line of union made overalls and jumpers. We can fit any shape.

25c for 20c. 6 dozen mens malaga Mexican straw hats sold everywhere for 25c for only 20c. As this will be last lot of these goods we will be able to get this season, come early if you want one.

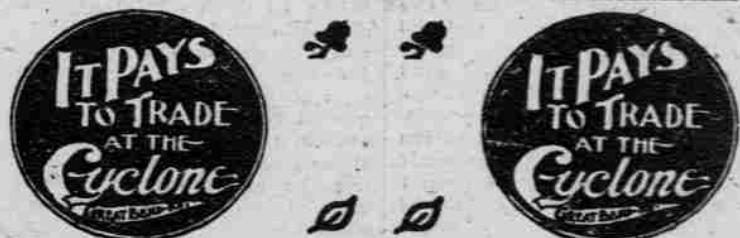
\$1.00 for 75c. 2 dozen boys long pants made of good strong cottonade will not rip, fit boys from 10 to 20 years for only 75c

On The Racket Counter.

While we have not got a full stock on this counter many items having been sold out, we still have a great many items that will be necessary for harvest that you can buy at less than most places sell them for.

All copper rivets per box 16c
8 in. monkey wrenches 23c
10 in. monkey wrenches 24c
12 in. monkey wrenches 27c
6 in. monkey wrenches 21c
We have a good line of bolts in the best sizes that we will sell for about one-half price.
Coppered rivets per box 7c

75c saws for 55c
50c saws for 37c
Disston's rip saws \$1.54
Good rabbit at low prices.
No. 2 at 12½c, No. 4 at 10c.
All sizes of wire nails 8 lbs. for 25c. We still have a few rakes, hoes, grain shovels, hay knives, and corn knives that we will sell at spot cost.



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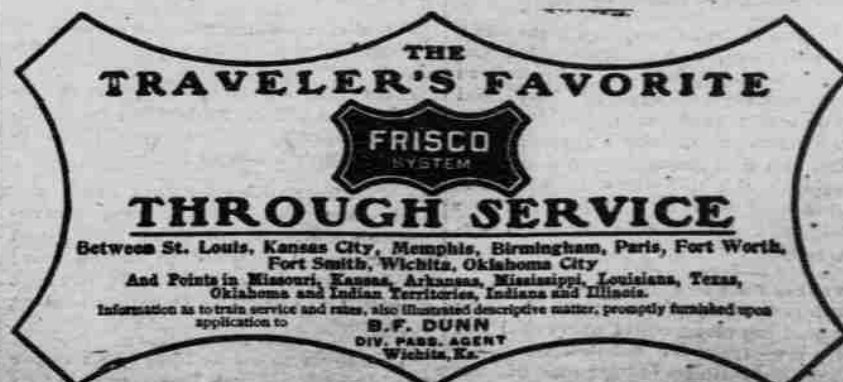
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